

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014

Item 1, Report No. 2, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 27, 2014.

**1 YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE
CITY-WIDE**

The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Development/Transportation Engineering, dated May 12, 2014, be approved;**
- 2) That Mayor Bevilacqua write to the Premier and to the Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel in relation to the recommendation released in December 2013 on the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension; and**
- 3) That Communication C1, presentation material titled “York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Highway 7 Update”, dated May 12, 2014, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works and the Director of Development/Transportation Engineering recommend:

1. THAT the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of rapid transit projects in Vaughan be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

Higher order transit infrastructure such as the Spadina and Yonge Subway Extension projects and the VivaNext Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway will support compact urban form and will offer an alternative mode of transportation to the single occupant vehicle.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Communication Plan

YRRTC has developed a comprehensive communication program for the Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway project, which will be overviewed in the presentation.

Purpose

The purpose of this report and associated presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) staff is to provide Council with the status of the rapid transit projects in Vaughan.

Background –Analysis And Options

The construction of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension is nearing the halfway mark. Construction of the first stage of the VivaNext Rapidway in Vaughan, which extends along Highway 7 from Edgeley Boulevard to approximately Bowes Road, has commenced and is scheduled to be completed concurrently with the opening of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension in 2016. In addition, Metrolinx continues to plan the next wave of The Big Move transit projects including the Yonge subway line north into Vaughan as shown on Attachment 1.

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Accordingly, staff has arranged a presentation from YRRTC staff which will touch on the status of the following transit projects:

- VivaNext Rapidway H2-VMC – Edgeley to Bowes Road
- Phase 2 - H2 Rapidway – West of Edgeley and east of Bowes Road
- Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension
- VMC York Region Transit Bus Terminal
- Metrolinx Next Wave projects – Yonge subway extension

Relationship To Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

York Region is responsible for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.

Conclusion

The presentation from YRRTC staff will provide an update on the status of the key rapid transit project in Vaughan.

Attachments

Attachment No.1 – Rapid Transit Projects in Vaughan

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)